

OLD TOWN NEWS

CITY EVENTS, CITY COUNCIL, DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES,
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UNION GAP **OLD TOWN DAYS** 2015

Saturday and Sunday June 20-21 2015

Fullbright Park.

Parking and all activities are free to the public.



President Abraham Lincoln and General Ulysses Grant
confidently prepare to battle the Confederacy during Old
Town Days.



President Lincoln will deliver the
Gettysburg Address at 12:30 pm and
3:30pm on Saturday and at 12:30 pm
on Sunday.



Civil War battles begin at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
each day.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FREE PARKING - FREE ADMISSION

Friday - June 19

7:00 PM Pioneer Graveyard 150th Commemoration

Saturday - June 20

7am	Lion's Club Breakfast - Old Town Pump
10am	Parade on Main Street
ALL DAY	People Wagon Tours through Ag Museum, Civil War Camps, Activities
9am-5pm	Civil War Camps. <i>North & South!</i>
10am-7pm	Food and Vendors
11am-4pm	Blacksmith Shop. <i>A real working shop.</i>
11am-4pm	Kiddie Train Rides. <i>A kid's favorite!</i>
11:30am-12:30pm	Civil War Battle Reenactment. <i>Largest in WA!</i>
12:30pm	Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by a reenactor
12:45pm-2:30pm	Music & Stage Entertainment
1pm	Old Time Kid's Games. <i>Life BEFORE screens!</i>
2:30am-3:30pm	Civil War Battle Reenactment. <i>Largest in WA!</i>
3:45pm	Lincoln's Gettysburg Address
3:30pm-6:30pm	Music & Stage Entertainment
6:30pm-8pm	Civil War Era Dance

Sunday - June 21

ALL DAY	People Wagon Tours
9am-4pm	Civil War Camps. <i>North & South!</i>
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1865**150 YEARS****2015**

**The City of Union Gap
invites you to a commemoration of the**

SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE PIONEER GRAVEYARD

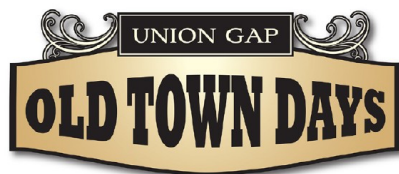
7:00 P.M. • Friday, June 19, 2015

**at the Pioneer Graveyard, one block east of Main Street
on Ahtanum Road in Union Gap, Washington**

If you have anything you would like to see in future newsletters or comments regarding these publications please contact Teresa Lopez, Newsletter editor, at tlopez@cityofuniongap.com or call 249-9202

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TOWN DAYS ACTIVITIES FREE TO THE PUBLIC!**

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COMMUNITY NEWS

YAK ATTACK 2015 CAME TO UNION GAP



The Ahtanum Youth Activities Park was the site of the 2015 Yak Attack soccer tournament. The Yakima Youth Soccer Association hosts this annual tournament which was moved from Chesterly Park in Yakima where it was previously held to the Ahtanum Youth Activities Park in Union Gap this year. The 2016 Yak Attack soccer tournament is again scheduled for the Ahtanum Youth Activities Park. It will be held on May 14-15 and May 21-22, 2016. The City of Union Gap is proud of its parks and supports healthy activities for our youth. The 2015 Yak Attack soccer tournament attracted over 8000 participants and spectators to the event.



MEET OUR NEW NEIGHBOORS



2801 Goodman Road

**PLEASE WELCOME TWO
NEW BUSINESSES TO OUR
AREA.**



1250 West Alder Street



GREETINGS FROM YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTORS

We look forward to meeting you. Our goal is to provide assistance in keeping your business free from all hazards.

Some of the most common items we observe when we perform our fire prevention inspections are:

- Building address not visible from the street. The numbers should be at least 4" high.
- Extension cords should not be used in place of permanent wiring.
- Power strips should be plugged directly into outlets.
- The area in front of electrical panels need to be clear and all outlet cover plates need to be in place
- Exit signs and emergency lighting needs to be working.
- Fire extinguishers need to be serviced annually.
- Fire sprinkler systems and fire alarm systems must be tagged indicating they have been serviced and inspected in the past year.

If you know of any of these that can be fixed prior to our arrival please do so as it will assist us in improving the safety for you, your staff and your customers.

Again, we all look forward to seeing you in the very near future.

~Chuck, Tony and Steve

The Senior Corner



Mark your calendar for the annual Senior Center Bazaar.

November 7 & 8, 2015 at Activities Bldg
1000 Ahtanum Rd
Union Gap, WA 98903

Nutrition Program

The senior nutrition services in Yakima County is administered by People for People. This non-profit organization is committed to serving people throughout Central and South Central Washington State.

Lunch is served Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (**No lunch on Wednesdays**) at 12:00 p.m. If you are interested in having lunch please call (509) 426-2601 the day before by 3:30 pm. Menus can be found at the center; diabetic menu also available

Wanted Poker Players and Pinochle Players

** For more information please call 509-248-2668 **

Union Gap School

Summer Food Program

Begins July 13th through August 7th

Monday through Friday

Free Meals for kids 1-18 years in Union Gap

Breakfast 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

All meals served in the Multi-Purpose Room

For more information, please call

Desi at 248-3966 x400 Or Alma at 248-3966 x302 EOE



Police Department News

New Police Clerk

Hello, my name is Amanda Towle. I was born and raised in the area, currently living in Selah.

I am married with two young children.

I have a bachelors degree in business and have numerous years of clerical experience.

My past experience with law enforcement includes dispatching for

SunComm.

I enjoy being outside, spending time with my kids and listening to music.

I am excited to be a part of the Union Gap Police Department.



Detective Hector Rivera was selected as Officer of the Year.



Mayor Roger Wentz administers the oath of office to Police Chief Greg Cobb

COME MEET UNION GAP FINEST

The Union Gap Police Department will be hosting the 2015 National Night Out Against Crime on August 4, 2015 at Loudon Park.

Loudon Park is located on 3rd Street between Pine Street and Court Street.

The hours of the event will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

There will be free food and refreshments provided along with a free raffle.



Craft station



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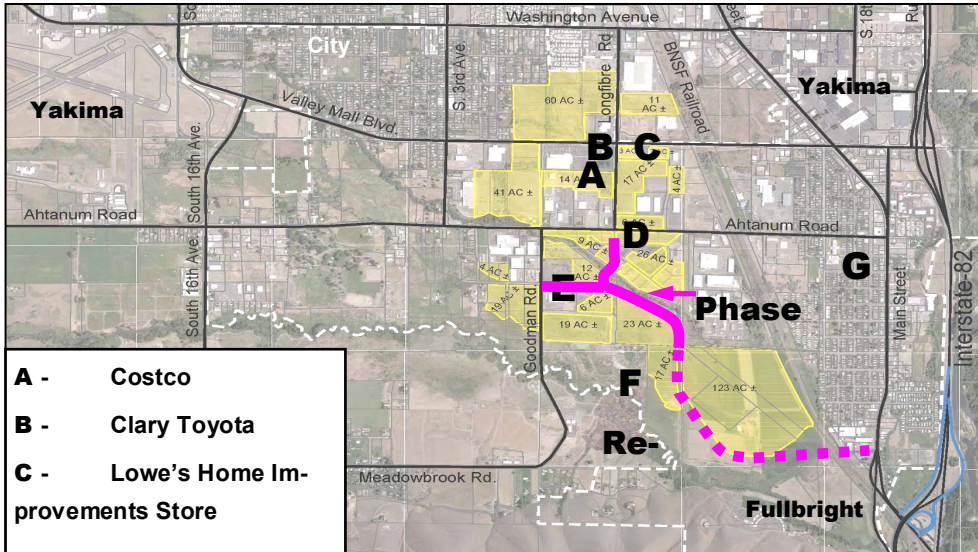


Union Gap staff serving food

Public Works News

Long Range Planning Pays Off for Union Gap Roads

Many of you will remember old Valley Mall Boulevard before all the improvements. The City of Union Gap with its partners invested \$60 million to make Valley Mall Boulevard the well-functioning, high volume roadway it is today. But it takes more than money to bring major road projects to fruition. It takes good long-range planning. The improvements to Valley Mall Boulevard were being planned 25 years ago.



The Washington Department of Transportation is planning to spend nearly \$35 million to improve the I-82 interchange in South Union Gap. Planning for the project has taken 30 years and engineering for this project has been going on for nearly a decade.

The City of Union Gap is planning for a connection from Longfibre Road to the new upgraded South Union Gap interchange. The first portion of this project, known as the Regional Beltway Connector, is funded and will extend Longfibre Road over Wide Hollow Creek to commercial and industrial land south of Wide Hollow Creek and east of Goodman Road. Planning for the Regional Beltway Connector has been in the works for over a decade and the first phase of the project gets under way summer of 2015.

As land develops in Union Gap, pressure is put on the existing transportation network. State, county, and city planning staff try to anticipate growth and develop transportation systems to meet the needs of today and to prepare for the needs of the future. Public safety is of the highest concern. Planning a transportation system that meets demand without compromising safety is the city's number one goal.

The completion of the Regional Beltway will give large trucks an alternate travel route not currently available. Trucks now need to travel through our city center either on Main Street or through the retail area of Valley Mall. The Regional Beltway will allow trucks to travel to and from industries along Ahtanum Road, Goodman Road, Longfibre Road, and other areas in western Union Gap. Over 1200 large trucks travel every day through the Union Gap school zone. Both safety and freight mobility will be improved by the completion of the Regional Beltway.

Planning for the Regional Beltway in Union Gap has been going on for over a decade. Long range planning helps city officials create a transportation system that safely meets the needs of today and prepares for the needs of tomorrow.

Public Announcement

Senior Activity Center

Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Application Project Outline

The City of Union Gap plans on submitting a funding assistance application for the Department of Commerce's General Purpose Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for a senior activity center. CDBG funds must be used to principally benefit low to moderate income (LMI) persons or benefit clientele who are presumed by HUD to be principally LMI persons, such as; abused children, elderly persons, homeless persons, etc. The senior activity center will be part of a much larger project known as the City Center. The City Center will consist of a new City Hall with approximately 4,000 square feet senior activity center and a potential public library and future phases may consist of a police station and community park.

The proposed senior activity center will be included in the construction of a new City Hall building. The plans are still in the early stage, the senior activity center may include, but is not limited to a multi-purpose activity area and kitchen.

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- Union Gap Tourism: <http://visituniongap.com>
- Xpress Bill Pay: www.xpressbillpay.com

107 WEST AHTANUM ROAD

City Hall	248.0432
Fire	575.6060
Park Reservations	248.0432
Treasurer / Clerk	248.0432
Utility Billing: <i>Water, Sewer & Garbage</i>	248.0434

3106 FIRST STREET

Building / Planning	575.3638
Code Enforcement	575.3638
Public Works	225.3524
Newsletter	225.3524

1800 RAINIER PLACE

Animal Control	248.0430
Crime Prevention	457.5927
Police	248.0430

1000 AHTANUM ROAD

Senior Citizen Center	248.2668
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TOURISM & TRANSIT

Tourism Promoter	575.8770
Union Gap Transit	574.8000
Union Gap Transit TTY	574.6926

MAYOR & COUNCIL

Council Members

Position #1
Chad Lenz ~ 965.3364

Position #2
Mark Carney ~ 969.6833

Position #3
Dan Olson ~ 453.4310

Position #4
Dave Butler ~ 452.8631

Position #5
Dave Matson ~ 453.3098

Position #6
James Murr ~ 823.4686

Mayor / Council Member

Position #7
Roger Wentz ~ 575.3799

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Rod Otterness
248.0432

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Community Development*
Dennis Henne
225.3524

*Director of Finance &
Administration*
Karen Clifton
248.0432

Police Chief
Greg Cobb
248.0430

City Attorney
Bronson Brown
628.4700